

REMARKS UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Formal Matters

Claims 1-16, 19-23 and 26 are pending.

Claims 1-16, 19-23 and 26 were examined. Claims 1-16, 19-23 and 26 were rejected.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the terminal disclaimers submitted herewith and the remarks made herein.

No new matter has been added.

The Office Action

Claims Rejected Under Nonstatutory Obviousness-Type Double Patenting (U.S. Patent No. 6,602,189)

In the Official Action of March 26, 2007, claims 4 and 13 were rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 7, 10 and/or 19 of U.S. Patent No. 6,602,189. Although Applicants do not necessarily agree with the Examiner's position and do not acquiesce thereto, Applicants are submitting herewith a terminal disclaimer in order to obviate this ground of rejection and place the instant application into condition for allowance.

Accordingly, in view of the above remarks and the submission of the terminal disclaimer, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claims 4 and 13 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 7, 10 and/or 19 of U.S. Patent No. 6,602,189, as being moot.

Claims Rejected Under Nonstatutory Obviousness-Type Double Patenting (U.S. Patent No. 5,944,736)

Claims 1-16, 19-23 and 26 were rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 11, 29 and 85 of U.S. Patent No. 5,944,736. Although Applicants do not necessarily agree with the Examiner's position and do not acquiesce thereto,

Applicants are submitting herewith a terminal disclaimer in order to obviate this ground of rejection and place the instant application into condition for allowance.

Accordingly, in view of the above remarks and the submission of the terminal disclaimer, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claims 1-16, 19-23 and 26 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 11, 29 and 85 of U.S. Patent No. 5,944,736, as being moot.

Conclusion

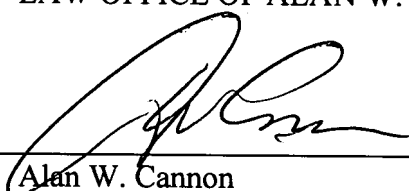
Applicants submit that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extensions of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2653, order number GUID-006CON5.

Respectfully submitted,

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